

## CHAPTER 249

## CORONER

H. F. 136

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections thirty-two hundred nineteen (3219) to thirty-two hundred twenty-one (3221), inclusive, thirty-two hundred twenty-five (3225), thirty-two hundred twenty-six (3226), and thirty-two hundred twenty-eight (3228) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the coroner.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

That sections thirty-two hundred nineteen (3219) to thirty-two hundred twenty-one (3221), inclusive, of the compiled code of Iowa are amended, revised and codified to read as follows:

**SECTION 1. Witnesses and jurors—coroner may enforce attendance.** The coroner shall issue subpoenas for such witnesses as have knowledge touching the manner of the death of the person whose inquest is being held, returnable at such time and place as he may direct. They shall be sworn as in other cases, and their evidence reduced to writing under the direction of the coroner, subscribed by them, and returned to the district court, with the verdict and all other papers in the case. The coroner may enforce the attendance of witnesses and jurors, and punish them for contempt in disobeying his process, in like manner as a justice of the peace may do in criminal proceedings before him. In the absence of any officer authorized to serve subpoenas or other process, the coroner may deputize some suitable person to serve the same or may himself perform such duties.

[C. C. 3219.]

**SEC. 2. Shorthand reporter—oath.** For the purpose of preserving the testimony of such witnesses, and all the acts and doings of the coroner and jury, the coroner may appoint a shorthand reporter who shall, before entering upon his duties as such reporter, take an oath to be administered by the coroner, that he will faithfully take down in shorthand the evidence as it is given by the witnesses at such inquest or investigation, and that he will correctly extend the same into longhand.

[C. C. 3219.]

**SEC. 3. Compensation—record.** Such reporter shall receive compensation not to exceed fifty cents (50c) per hour for time actually employed in any inquest or investigation, and for extending the notes, and when such shorthand report is extended into longhand by the said shorthand reporter and certified to by the coroner and reporter to the effect that it contains a full, true and complete report of all proceedings, and filed, it shall be the official record of the said inquest or investigation.

[C. C. 3219.]

**SEC. 4. Finding of jurors—form.** The jurors, having inspected the body, heard the testimony and made all needful inquiries, shall return to the coroner their verdict in writing, under their hands, in

4 substance as follows, stating the matters in the following form sug-  
5 gested, as far as found:

6 State of Iowa, }  
7 } ss.  
8 ..... County. }

9 An inquisition holden at....., in.....county,  
10 on the.....day of....., A. D., 19....., before  
11 ....., coroner of the said county, upon the  
12 body of..... (or person unknown), there lying dead,  
13 by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed.

14 The said jurors upon their oaths do say (here state when, how, by  
15 what person, means, weapon, or accident he came to his death, and  
16 whether feloniously).

17 In testimony whereof, the said jurors have hereunto set their hands,  
18 the day and year aforesaid (which shall be attested by the coroner).

[C. C. 3220.]

1 SEC. 5. **Finding kept secret.** If the jurors find that a crime has  
2 been committed on the deceased and name the person who they believe  
3 has committed it, the verdict shall not be made public until after the  
4 arrest of the person.

[C. C. 3221.]

That sections thirty-two hundred twenty-five (3225) and thirty-two  
hundred twenty-six (3226) of the compiled code of Iowa are amended,  
revised and codified to read as follows:

1 SEC. 6. **Contents and effect of warrant—report of coroner.** The  
2 warrant of the coroner shall recite substantially the transactions be-  
3 fore him, and the verdict of the jury of inquest leading to the arrest,  
4 and such warrant shall be a sufficient foundation for the proceeding  
5 of the justice instead of an information. The coroner shall report  
6 to the clerk of the district court all cases of death which may call  
7 for the exercise of his jurisdiction; with the cause or mode of death,  
8 in accordance with forms furnished by the state board of health.

[C. C. 3225.]

1 SEC. 7. **Disposition of body—expenses.** The coroner, except as  
2 otherwise provided by law, shall cause the body of the deceased person  
3 which he is called to view to be delivered to his friends, if any there  
4 be, but if not, he shall cause him to be decently buried, and the expense  
5 to be paid from any property found with the body, or, if there be  
6 none, from the county treasury, by certifying an account of the ex-  
7 penses; which, being presented to the board of supervisors, shall be  
8 allowed by them, in a reasonable amount and paid as other claims on  
9 the county.

[C. C. 3226.]

That section thirty-two hundred twenty-eight (3228) of the compiled  
code of Iowa is amended, revised and codified to read as follows:

1 SEC. 8. **Justice may act as coroner.** When there is no coroner, or  
2 in case of his absence or inability to act, any justice of the peace of  
3 the same county is authorized to perform the duties of coroner in  
4 relation to dead bodies, and in such cases if any person is charged

5 with a crime, may cause him to be brought before him by his warrant,  
 6 and may proceed with his preliminary hearing as a justice of the peace.  
 [C. C. 3228.]

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## CHAPTER 250

### COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS, DEPUTIES AND CLERKS

H. F. 137

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections thirty-one hundred sixty-one (3161), thirty-one hundred sixty-three (3163), thirty-one hundred seventy-seven (3177), thirty-one hundred seventy-nine (3179), thirty-one hundred ninety-one (3191), thirty-one hundred ninety-four (3194), thirty-two hundred eight (3208), thirty-two hundred ten (3210), thirty-two hundred thirty-one (3231), sixty-nine hundred eighty-six (6986) and sixty-nine hundred eighty-seven (6987) of the compiled code of Iowa, and sections twenty-five hundred six (2506), thirty-one hundred sixty-two (3162), thirty-one hundred sixty-four (3164), thirty-one hundred seventy-six (3176), thirty-one hundred seventy-eight (3178), thirty-one hundred seventy-eight-a one (3178-a1), thirty-one hundred eighty-seven (3187), thirty-one hundred eighty-eight (3188), thirty-two hundred nine (3209), thirty-two hundred eleven (3211), sixty-nine hundred eighty-three (6983) and sixty-nine hundred eighty-five (6985) of the supplement to said code, relating to compensation of county officers, appointment and compensation of their deputies and the collection and accounting of fees.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

That sections thirty-one hundred sixty-one (3161), thirty-one hundred sixty-three (3163), thirty-one hundred seventy-seven (3177), thirty-one hundred seventy-nine (3179), thirty-one hundred ninety-one (3191), thirty-one hundred ninety-four (3194), thirty-two hundred eight (3208), thirty-two hundred ten (3210), thirty-two hundred thirty-one (3231), sixty-nine hundred eighty-six (6986), sixty-nine hundred eighty-seven (6987) of the compiled code of Iowa, and sections twenty-five hundred six (2506), thirty-one hundred sixty-two (3162), thirty-one hundred sixty-four (3164), thirty-one hundred seventy-six (3176), thirty-one hundred seventy-eight (3178), thirty-one hundred seventy-eight-a one (3178-a1), thirty-one hundred eighty-seven (3187), thirty-one hundred eighty-eight (3188), thirty-two hundred nine (3209), thirty-two hundred eleven (3211), sixty-nine hundred eighty-three (6983) and sixty-nine hundred eighty-five (6985) of the supplement to said code are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 1

### COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, AND CLERKS

1 SECTION 1. **Compensation of county auditor.** Each county auditor  
 2 shall receive for his annual salary in counties having a population of:  
 3 1. Less than ten thousand (10,000), seventeen hundred dollars  
 4 (\$1700.00).  
 5 2. Ten thousand (10,000) and less than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
 6 eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800.00).